

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00056-RCL**

DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Assigned to: Judge Royce C. Lamberth  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/10/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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FOUNDATION**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/10/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5882168) filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons, # <u>6</u> Summons)(Morse, Josephine) (Entered: 01/10/2019)
01/11/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Royce C. Lamberth. (zef, ) (Entered: 01/11/2019)
01/11/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 01/11/2019)
01/17/2019	<u>3</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 1/15/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/14/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States

		Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 1/15/19., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 1/15/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Morse, Josephine) (Entered: 01/17/2019)
02/14/2019	<u>4</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 02/14/2019)
02/14/2019	<u>5</u>	ORDER directing the government to produce a Vaughn index with a supporting motion within 30 days. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 02/14/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 02/14/2019)
02/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Vaughn Index due by 3/14/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 02/15/2019)
03/14/2019	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jeffrey B. Dubner on behalf of DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Dubner, Jeffrey) (Entered: 03/14/2019)
03/14/2019	<u>7</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Vaughn Index and dispositive motion</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 03/14/2019)
03/25/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Nebeker, William) (Entered: 03/25/2019)
04/08/2019	<u>9</u>	ORDER granting <u>7</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 4/8/2019. (lcrc11) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
04/08/2019	<u>10</u>	MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS a further joint status report be submitted on or before April 9, 2019. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 4/8/2019. (lcrc11) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
04/09/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Dubner, Jeffrey) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/09/2019	<u>12</u>	ORDER GRANTING the unopposed motion to modify the briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 04/08/2019. (lcrc13) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
05/01/2019	<u>13</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. Attorney Josephine T. Morse terminated. (Morse, Josephine) (Entered: 05/01/2019)
05/10/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Nebeker, William) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
06/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Parties Shall File a Further Status Report No Later Than June 17, 2019. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/04/2019. (lcrc12) (Entered: 06/04/2019)
06/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/17/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 06/06/2019)
06/12/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Dubner, Jeffrey) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The parties shall file a further joint status report no later than July 24, 2019. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/13/2019. (lcrc12) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
07/24/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Dubner, Jeffrey) (Entered: 07/24/2019)